

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: <u>08/09/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution in Support of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure R Project Acceleration Initiative..			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: Meetings and Agendas-City Council (08/05/10)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/02/10)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/02/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (08/04/10)		City Manager Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/05/10)	
 <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council consider adoption of a resolution in support of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Measure R Project Acceleration Initiative (also referred to as the 30/10 initiative). <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> Measure R, a 1/2 cent local sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008, is funding new transportation projects and programs. On April 22, 2010, the Metro Board adopted a support position of the 30/10 Initiative. The 30/10 Initiative is a strategy to accelerate the construction of Measure R and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) transit projects. Over 30 years, Measure R is projected to generate \$40 billion for congestion relief projects throughout Los Angeles County. The 30/10 Initiative is a proposal intended to accelerate the process by asking the federal government to advance funding for 12 key projects so they can be built in 10 years, instead of 30 years. The concept being explored is to use the Measure R funding for these projects, which will be collected over the next 30 years, as collateral for long-term bonds and a federal loan so the projects can be built much sooner. The 12 key projects, originally scheduled to be built over three decades, include: the Metro Orange Line Extension; the Exposition Transit Corridor to Santa Monica; the Gold Line Foothill Extension; the East San Fernando Valley North-South Rapidways; the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor; the Regional Connector Transit			

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Corridor; the Westside Subway Extension, the West Santa Ana Branch Corridor, the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2; the Green Line Extension to LAX; the South Bay Metro Green Line Extension; and the San Fernando Valley I-405 Corridor Connection.

While the Expo Line to Santa Monica is scheduled to be operational by 2015 and is not dependent on federal assistance, the construction and completion of other projects included in Measure R over the next ten years will improve regional mobility and ease traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and generate hundreds of thousands of construction and other jobs to improve the regional economy. These projects will also expedite the improvement of transit service to and from Culver City and throughout the Westside cities. Specifically, the Initiative will result in the extension of the Wilshire corridor subway to the Westside by 2017, as opposed to 2036 as originally planned, and will connect the Metro Gold Line, Blue Line and Expo Line enabling passengers to travel from Azusa to Long Beach and from the Eastside to Culver City. Together, these regional transit projects provide a direct rail connection from downtown to Santa Monica.

City Council support of the 30/10 Initiative would be consistent with the City Council adopted Legislative Advocacy Program as it relates to the Exposition Light Rail Project and other regional rail projects.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact to take a position on the Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Metro Staff Report: "MTA Position on 30/10 Initiative"
2. Proposed Resolution

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution relating to the City's Position in support of Metro's Measure R Project Acceleration Initiative and direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to Metro and the City's legislative representatives;